

Forty-Five Candidates Out  
for Football Practice.

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Tigers Continue to Win and  
Are on Heels of Red Sox.

## Schlabach Is Driving the Squad

Most of O. H. S. Material Very  
Green, But It's Promising;  
Assistant in Charge.

With his squad made up chiefly of youngsters who never played football before, Assistant Coach Schlabach of O. H. S. is having a busy week drilling a big bunch of hopefuls in the first rudiments of football.

Yesterday forty-five candidates for the eleven turned out at Eleventh and Santa Fe for practice, and of this number more than half never had played football until this fall. There were sixteen seniors, seventeen juniors, seven sophomores and five freshmen.

Three eleven were kept plugging away at initial signal practice Wednesday afternoon from 3 o'clock until nearly dark.

### Green But Promising

Although most of it is very green, the O. H. S. material this fall looks mighty good to Assistant Coach Schlabach, who is handling the squad under the supervision of Dr. H. H. Cloudman, head coach and physical director. There is a lot of weight in the squad and some of the candidates have plenty of speed. With such a big bunch to choose from Schlabach expects to turn out a winner.

### First Game With Chickasha

Oklahoma high's first game of the 1916 season will be on September 29, here, with the Chickasha team opposing. Coach Cloudman said today that he intends to let Assistant Coach Schlabach do most of the football work. Dr. Cloudman intends to act chiefly in an advisory capacity.

### RITCHIE MITCHELL WINS OVER SHAMUS O'BRIEN

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 14.—Ritchie Mitchell, local lightweight boxer, outpointed Shamus O'Brien of Yonkers, N. Y., in a ten-round no-decision contest here last night, sporting writers agreed.

## Hope for a Net Tourney Here Passes

Lack of a Strong Leader or an  
Organization the Cause;  
Enough Players.

Although there are at least fifty players in the city who would jump at the chance to contest the city title in a championship tournament, all hope for a city tennis meet here this fall seems to have slipped away.

Lack of a good, strong organization, or of an energetic leader, probably is the cause. Secretary Boardman of the Oklahoma State Tennis association, who would have assured a tourney here this summer or fall, has been out of the city for seven weeks on business and has just returned. W. L. Kendall, who was chosen by players to plan a city tourney in July, was called away on business. Nobody took the initiative. Result: No tournament.

"It is to be regretted that a tournament was not held here this year," said Mr. Boardman this morning. "Oklahoma city has lots of players strong enough to take part in a tourney, and lots of material that should be developed. The net game here has been growing in popularity rapidly. With a city tournament to develop young players there's no reason why this city should not turn out some champions, but without it the champions will come from elsewhere."

## When a Feller Needs a Friend



SKIN-NAY HAS IT

By Briggs

## Criss Thought He Ought to Get \$1.25 A Day And Board, at Least, to Pitch Ball--And That's Just What He Got

By B. A. B.

An illustration of what some ball-players think they ought to have when they first tackle the N. P. is furnished by the case of Dode Criss, who performed in the box and outfield and at bat for several seasons with the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Browns.

Criss lived in a little town in Texas, and he did some good pitching for the rubes in his vicinity. One day the manager of the Fort Worth club of the Texas league heard of Dode. He sent the big farmer boy a message telling him to report at Fort Worth for a tryout and informing him that his transportation both ways and expenses in Fort Worth would be paid regardless of whether he was kept by the club. Dode was working in a cotton field for his father at the time and before he left his old man gave him some advice which he later followed to the letter.

Got What He Asked.  
After working out for several days with the Fort Worth Panthers Dode seemed a likely youngster and the management was duly impressed.

"Guess we'll keep you," said the manager.  
"Now, how much money do you think you ought to have?" the boss of the club continued.

"Well," drawled Dode, "I was making a dollar and a quarter a day and board at home chopping cotton and my old man he told me not to agree to pitch ball for a cent less."  
"We'll be fair with you," said the manager. "We'll pay you \$50 a month and you can pay your own board. How's that?"

And so Dode Criss who later turned out to be a star of the first magnitude started playing professional ball for \$50 a month. When he left Texas for the big show he received something like \$175 a month, getting that for his first year under the big tent.

Criss, you'll remember, is the lad who beat Ty Cobb 17 points in batting in 1908, but the judges awarded Ty the championship because Criss played in only forty-seven games.

### Bushers Get Bush Wages.

The average minor league star breaking into the big leagues receives pretty fair compensation for his services, providing he hails from a class A or AA circuit. But if he goes up from the bushes, say class D or C, well, that's something else again. A bush leaguer from the smaller brush usually gets a brushy salary for his first year or so in the big show, and frequently the result is that a real star develops who gets less money than scores of mediocre pastimers who have been up long enough to make demands.

### TIJUANA FALL MEET TO OPEN NOVEMBER 11

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 14.—The fall meeting at Tijuana, Mexico, of the Lower California Jockey club will open November 11, according to information received here today from James Coffroth, president, who is in New York. Coffroth said 500 horses will be brought from the Atlantic coast for the meeting and purses will be raised to \$400 a race.

### DIRECTUM TO TRY FOR NEW HALF-MILE MARK

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Two trotting races and one pacing event form the Grand Circuit card of the fourth day of the races at the state fair track this afternoon. There will also be amateur wagon races, the classes being for 2:12, 2:16 and 2:24 trotters. Directum 1, world's champion pacer, will make an attempt to lower the half-mile record. The track is fast and weather is ideal.

## SEMI-FINALS REACHED IN COLLEGE TOURNEY

Harvard Against Yale and Southern  
California, the Lineup of  
Day's Play.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14.—Second round matches in the doubles and the semi-finals of the singles were played today in the annual inter-collegiate tennis tournament on the grass courts here.

Riker and Knox of Princeton advanced to the semi-final round of the doubles by defeating Lyon and Lamm, Dartmouth, 6-3, 6-4. In the other second round matches Whitehouse and Pfaffman, Harvard, met Rowland and Edwards of the Pennsylvania university; Caner and Harte, Harvard, met Hopkins and Ball, Yale; Warren and McCormick, Southern California, played Blair and Holt, Cornell.

It was Harvard against Yale and Southern California in the semi-finals of the singles. Carter meeting Weber of Yale while Pfaffman opposed Warren of Southern California.

## ILLINOIS MAY HAVE LEGAL BOXING SOON

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Hope for the passage of a law permitting boxing in Illinois under such conditions as prevail in New York and Wisconsin has been expressed by Eddie Santry, former featherweight boxer and now a state representative from Chicago. Opposition to the boxing bill, which proved strong enough last session to defeat it, is believed by Santry to be overcome.

### Tip That Went Wrong.

A horse named Striker was entered in a race at Belmont last week. The word was passed along to friends of the owner that "here is a chance to make a killing." Those fellows passed it along to their friends and they, in turn, moved it to an even wider radius. Striker, backed down from 10 to 1 to something like 2 to 1, carried a fortune on his chances when the barrier went up. And Striker was left at the post.

## BASEBALL FIGURES

American League Standing.  
W. L. Pct.  
Boston 50 29 .632  
Detroit 49 30 .618  
Chicago 48 31 .608  
New York 47 32 .595  
Philadelphia 46 33 .580  
Cleveland 45 34 .568  
St. Louis 44 35 .557  
Pittsburgh 43 36 .545  
Washington 42 37 .532  
Kansas City 41 38 .520  
Milwaukee 40 39 .508  
Minneapolis 39 40 .495  
St. Paul 38 41 .482  
Cincinnati 37 42 .470  
Chicago 36 43 .457  
Philadelphia 35 44 .444  
Cleveland 34 45 .432  
St. Louis 33 46 .419  
Pittsburgh 32 47 .406  
Washington 31 48 .394  
Kansas City 30 49 .381  
Milwaukee 29 50 .368  
Minneapolis 28 51 .355  
St. Paul 27 52 .342  
Cincinnati 26 53 .330  
Chicago 25 54 .317  
Philadelphia 24 56 .298  
Cleveland 23 57 .285  
St. Louis 22 58 .272  
Pittsburgh 21 59 .260  
Washington 20 60 .247  
Kansas City 19 61 .234  
Milwaukee 18 62 .221  
Minneapolis 17 63 .209  
St. Paul 16 64 .196  
Cincinnati 15 65 .183  
Chicago 14 66 .170  
Philadelphia 13 67 .157  
Cleveland 12 68 .144  
St. Louis 11 69 .131  
Pittsburgh 10 70 .118  
Washington 9 71 .105  
Kansas City 8 72 .092  
Milwaukee 7 73 .080  
Minneapolis 6 74 .067  
St. Paul 5 75 .054  
Cincinnati 4 76 .041  
Chicago 3 77 .028  
Philadelphia 2 78 .015  
Cleveland 1 79 .002  
St. Louis 0 80 .000

National League Standing.  
W. L. Pct.  
Brooklyn 48 30 .613  
Philadelphia 47 31 .603  
Boston 46 32 .592  
Cincinnati 45 33 .574  
New York 44 34 .564  
St. Louis 43 35 .553  
Pittsburgh 42 36 .542  
Chicago 41 37 .531  
Cleveland 40 38 .520  
Milwaukee 39 39 .509  
Minneapolis 38 40 .498  
St. Paul 37 41 .487  
Cincinnati 36 42 .476  
Chicago 35 43 .465  
Philadelphia 34 44 .454  
Cleveland 33 45 .443  
St. Louis 32 46 .432  
Pittsburgh 31 47 .421  
Washington 30 48 .410  
Kansas City 29 49 .399  
Milwaukee 28 50 .388  
Minneapolis 27 51 .377  
St. Paul 26 52 .366  
Cincinnati 25 53 .355  
Chicago 24 54 .344  
Philadelphia 23 55 .333  
Cleveland 22 56 .322  
St. Louis 21 57 .311  
Pittsburgh 20 58 .300  
Washington 19 59 .289  
Kansas City 18 60 .278  
Milwaukee 17 61 .267  
Minneapolis 16 62 .256  
St. Paul 15 63 .245  
Cincinnati 14 64 .234  
Chicago 13 65 .223  
Philadelphia 12 66 .212  
Cleveland 11 67 .201  
St. Louis 10 68 .190  
Pittsburgh 9 69 .179  
Washington 8 70 .168  
Kansas City 7 71 .157  
Milwaukee 6 72 .146  
Minneapolis 5 73 .135  
St. Paul 4 74 .124  
Cincinnati 3 75 .113  
Chicago 2 76 .102  
Philadelphia 1 77 .091  
Cleveland 0 78 .080  
St. Louis 0 79 .069  
Pittsburgh 0 80 .058

American Association Standing.  
W. L. Pct.  
Louisville 45 31 .592  
Indianapolis 44 32 .580  
Cincinnati 43 33 .568  
Columbus 42 34 .556  
Dayton 41 35 .544  
Toledo 40 36 .532  
Akron 39 37 .520  
Cincinnati 38 38 .508  
Columbus 37 39 .496  
Dayton 36 40 .484  
Toledo 35 41 .472  
Akron 34 42 .460  
Cincinnati 33 43 .448  
Columbus 32 44 .436  
Dayton 31 45 .424  
Toledo 30 46 .412  
Akron 29 47 .400  
Cincinnati 28 48 .388  
Columbus 27 49 .376  
Dayton 26 50 .364  
Toledo 25 51 .352  
Akron 24 52 .340  
Cincinnati 23 53 .328  
Columbus 22 54 .316  
Dayton 21 55 .304  
Toledo 20 56 .292  
Akron 19 57 .280  
Cincinnati 18 58 .268  
Columbus 17 59 .256  
Dayton 16 60 .244  
Toledo 15 61 .232  
Akron 14 62 .220  
Cincinnati 13 63 .208  
Columbus 12 64 .196  
Dayton 11 65 .184  
Toledo 10 66 .172  
Akron 9 67 .160  
Cincinnati 8 68 .148  
Columbus 7 69 .136  
Dayton 6 70 .124  
Toledo 5 71 .112  
Akron 4 72 .100  
Cincinnati 3 73 .088  
Columbus 2 74 .076  
Dayton 1 75 .064  
Toledo 0 76 .052  
Akron 0 77 .040  
Cincinnati 0 78 .028  
Columbus 0 79 .016  
Dayton 0 80 .004

Western League Standing.  
W. L. Pct.  
Omaha 45 31 .592  
Lincoln 44 32 .580  
Cheyenne 43 33 .568  
Rapid City 42 34 .556  
Sioux Falls 41 35 .544  
Yankton 40 36 .532  
Aberdeen 39 37 .520  
Sioux City 38 38 .508  
Bismarck 37 39 .496  
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## Diamond Glints

All the ground that Cobb gained on Speaker Tuesday in their batting race was regained by Speaker Wednesday. Speaker got three hits in three chances yesterday while Cobb went hitless in the same number of chances.

Boston led Detroit after yesterday's play by the margin of just two and a fraction points, simply because Detroit had won and lost two more games. It is less than half a game difference. The next three days ought to land the Tigers on top. Detroit will be having pretty soft pickings, off the coaching staff. Boston is playing the St. Louis Browns at St. Louis. The Browns have been tough birds for the Red Sox all season having won a majority of the games played with the league leaders.

When it comes to races, that National league affair is somewhat of a race also. Dodgers, leading the league, lost again yesterday while the Phils were breaking even with St. Louis and while the Braves were winning a double bill. This left only a game and a half between the three teams.

Zack Wheat, the reliable Brooklyn outfielder, had safely yesterday in his twenty-sixth consecutive game. Wheat is now close to the league leaders and if his streak continues until the close of the season he has a good chance to lead the league in batting.

Too bad the Giants did not start their last big drive just a little sooner. They won their eighth straight game by defeating the Reds in both games of a doubleheader Wednesday. In the first contest Schupp held the Reds to three hits. New York's streak is made up of one victory over Brooklyn, four over Philadelphia and three over the Cincinnati crew.

The veteran Leon Ames turned in St. Louis' victory over the Phillies Wednesday in the opening section of the double bill.

Dauss and Coveleskie pitched sterling ball for the Tigers yesterday, holding New York to five blows.

Pittsburgh, a poor starter, has shown marked improvement this summer and is easily the best of the western clubs in the National.

The fact that Johnny Evers is present, although not playing, does not seem to have done the Braves any material harm.

Chicago's White Sox remained factors in the American league race by winning a weird game from the Browns, 9-8 in ten innings. Both teams hammered the ball hard. Weillman lost the struggle for the Browns in the tenth with a wild throw.

## WEATHER AND TIME ON BASEBALL MAP

American—  
Boston at St. Louis; clear; 3:15 p. m.  
New York at Detroit; cloudy; 3:15 p. m.  
Washington at Chicago; cloudy; 3:30 p. m.  
Philadelphia at Cleveland; cloudy; 3 p. m.  
National—  
Cincinnati at New York; clear; 3:25 p. m.  
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn; clear; 3:30 p. m.  
St. Louis at Philadelphia; clear; 3:00 p. m.  
Chicago at Boston; clear; 3:30 p. m.

## "Little Five" Will Give "Big Four" A Scrap This Season

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

"That other guy's brother is outside," reported the office boy.

"Which other guy?"

"Remember him what came last week, that husky bloke with that funny hat, him what says he was Eastern Football, or something like that?"

"Oh, the fellow who wore a head-gear?"

"Yep, him's the guy. Well, his brother's outside and would like to come in."

"Give him a ride."

And a moment or so later Mr. Western Football, as husky and as powerful looking as his brother, pushed out a huge hand and said:

"Greeting."

Then he nodded. "My brother said you wanted to see me, that maybe you'd give me a little writeup if I came in. Well, I'm here."

"And here's the pencil poised to take notes," we answered. "Shoot."

"Well, the dope is this," answered the visitor. "I look for quite a bit of tussling among those conference teams this year."

"Don't they do some interesting tussling each season?"

"Yes, but it ain't what you might call universal tussling," responded Western Football. "Somehow or other it's always been the rule for three or four years that the 'Big Four' will fight it out and the others will be little more than spectators."

"Little Five" Strengthened.  
Now, as you perhaps know, the Western Conference embraces nine colleges. They are Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Chicago, Iowa, Purdue, Indiana, Northwestern and Ohio State university. But as the records will show, most of the battling during the past few years has been among just four of them—Minnesota, Illinois, Chicago and Wisconsin. The others have not been able to be anything more than goats on most occasions.

"And this year," we coached. "Well, I'm figuring it's going to be something slightly different this season. One or another of the 'Big Four' probably will grab that championship, but they aren't going to have such an easy time as in the other years. I've gotta hunch that the 'Little Five' is going to make some trouble."

Indiana a Goat.  
Indiana has been somewhat of a goat in the past. But they may spring a surprise out there this year. They've got 'Jumbo' Stelm to do the coaching and 'Jumbo' is some coach, grab it from me. He put Nebraska on the football map and I'm looking for him to do the same thing at Indiana.

"And then that Ohio State crowd must be watched. They've been coming along pretty well during the last few years. Each season they have been better. This promises to be their best year. They've got the nucleus for a fine team. Iowa and Northwestern may not cause much trouble for the 'Big Four' but Purdue doesn't look so punk on paper."

Illinois Dangerous.  
So, you see there's only two teams—Iowa and Northwestern—that look poor right now. Who knows but what those

fellows will get busy and show something really worth while.

"How about the 'Big Four'?" we asked.

"Well, all of them don't look quite so strong now as they did before the 1915 season began," returned our visitor, "but you can figure that they'll be along with some bang-up teams. Minnesota always turns out a great eleven. Graduations shot their championship eleven of last year to shreds, but Minnesota will come back. They've got some good material there from the freshman team to take the places of Brennan and the others who were lost."

"And Illinois?"

"Any team that Bob Zuppke coaches must be conceded a chance, no matter what it looks like on paper," said Western Football. "Bob is one of those miracle boys. In 1914, you'll remember, he welded together a team that looked awful on paper and pushed it right through to the championship. His team last year was right next to Minnesota."

"What's the outlook for Chicago?"

"Pretty good, I should say. Chicago got an awful wallop when it lost Pete Russell. That boy was a real footballer; do any old thing on a gridiron and do it better than most folks. But even though Pete's gone with some of the others, Chicago ought to have a good team because it has some fast veterans left and will have the choice from some speedy and husky youngsters."

"Wisconsin?"

"Discusses Three 'Outsiders.'"

"They are going to be there or thereabouts, too," returned Western Football. "Their line and their backfield were pretty well shot up by graduations, but they've some promising boys from the 1915 freshmen to fill the holes."

"And how about those three teams that are outside the conference?—Nebraska, Michigan and Notre Dame?"

"Notre Dame looks awfully good from this distance," was the reply. "That Coffey who is a backfield man is half a team in himself. And he's going to have good support. Notre Dame lost a half dozen good players, but she's going to recruit some almost as good. I'm a bit puzzled concerning Nebraska. Lost two of the greatest players ever developed in the west—Rutherford and Chamberlain—and also Nebraska lost 'Jumbo' Stelm. That's a tough jolt."

"Michigan is even a greater puzzle. They haven't had a real football team up there in some years. Just now I'd say that the 1916 eleven isn't going to be anything of a dinger, either. But you never can tell about that fellow Yost. He's liable to 'cross' everybody this year and bring around one of those great teams of ten and fifteen years ago."

Western Football arose, adjusted his toes, blew a burlesque salute, and said: "Well, I gotta be on my way. Thanks for anything you say about me."

And he was gone.

If the Detroit American league ball club continues to obtain players from California teams, the Tigers may be regarded as a native-son team by Californians. Vitti, Stange and Heilman come from the Pacific coast state and five men from that league have been obtained for 1917.



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